



Date: August 12, 2005
To: Gerald R. Miller, City Manager
From: Katherine Parsons, Public Information Officer
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: City Report For Week Ending August 12, 2005

This *City Report* highlights various activities for the week ending August 12, 2005. I hope you will find this information useful. Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager

On **Tuesday, August 16**, the Fiscal Year 06 Budget Workshop will be held at 3:00 – 5:00 pm, Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Blvd. City Manager Gerald Miller will present the proposed Fiscal Year 06 Budget, and Mayor Beverly O'Neill will present her budget recommendations. The public is invited to attend and comment. To get an entire list of the dates for upcoming budget workshops, please visit www.longbeach.gov.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Police

A two-week citywide Violent Crime/Gang Suppression Task Force operation has proven to be highly successful. The objective of the task force was to impact and deter gang violence after a rash of recent gang-related shootings. Three sergeants and 30 officers focused enforcement in the target areas and directed attention to curfew violators, since juveniles were involved in a significant number of the recent shootings. During the two-week operation, officers made 210 felony and 189 misdemeanor arrests, issued 263 misdemeanor and 792 traffic citations, towed 127 vehicles, conducted 1,344 field interviews, detained and cited 215 curfew violators and took 24 guns off the streets of Long Beach.

Parents are encouraged to know the curfew laws and ensure their children are in during the required hours. It's recommended that parents always know where their children are, who they are with, and what they are doing.

Long Beach Municipal Code section 9.58.010 states: It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen years to remain in or upon any "public place", as defined in Section 9.02.090, between the hours of ten p.m. until six a.m. the following day.

Parents with questions can contact the Youth Services Division at 562-570-1425. To view the exceptions, please go to:

<http://www.longbeach.gov/apps/cityclerk/lbmc/title-09/frame.htm>

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Community Development

Participants in the Neighborhood Leadership Program's Class of 2005 graduated on Saturday, August 13, and as part of the process, have completed nine community projects along the Seventh Street Corridor and. Projects included a neighborhood clean-up, the development of an anti-litter zone, a beautification project at the St. Francis Center, an open house at the Seventh Street Community Police Center, a family safety fair at Caesar Chavez Park, a business forum, a police and community forum, and a trilingual brochure of the services provided along the Seventh Street corridor.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Maintenance Operations Bureau

The annual *Long Beach Golf Festival*, a two-month event, concluded nine tournaments with approximately 1,542 golfers from all over the United States playing over 3,325 rounds of golf. More than 135 volunteers donated over 3,000 hours to staff the tournaments. Festival fund raising efforts resulted in a \$5,000 donation to the Assistance League of Long Beach and \$5,000 to CSULB golf teams. In addition, various goods and services were donated to other charity golf tournaments and community fund-raising events. The final tournament was the \$150,000 Long Beach Open and the concluding awards ceremony included the induction of prominent individuals who have made significant contributions of service, support or expertise, to the game of golf in the City of Long Beach into the *Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame*.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police

The Police Department has implemented a *Shadow Mentor Program* that allows interested sworn and civilian employees the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Department's policy-making process and the Department-City relationship. The employee will "shadow" each of the participating Department leaders throughout their workday and learn through observation. The Police Department leaders participating in the Shadow Mentor Program are Chief Batts, Deputy Chief Hulse, Deputy Chief Jackman, Deputy Chief Luna, Manager Phillips and Commander Craig.

Six new Long Beach Police Department Explorers graduated from the 2005 Summer Police Explorer Academy sponsored by the Orange County Law Enforcement Advisors Association. Explorers from both Orange and Los Angeles Counties participated in the academy. Classes included report writing, ethics, CPR, physical fitness, and operations in DUI, SWAT, K9, helicopter and chemical agents. The Police Explorer Program is designed for youths between the ages of 14-20 who have an interest in law enforcement. Explorers participate in ride-a-longs, classroom instruction, competitions, safety fairs, field trips, and more. For more information call Detective Rodney Tamparong at 570.8597.

PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

Police

Long Beach's fourteen-year-old Javier Damian won the Police Athletic League (PAL) Boxing world title in the 106-pound Division at the Ringside International World Tournament, held in Kansas City, Missouri. The trophy belt weighs in at more than 20 pounds. Two other PAL competitors won third place trophies in the 141-pound Division and 165-pound Division. For more information on the Police Athletic League, contact Detective Phil Golia at 562-570-1383.

Fire

The Fire Department responded to a total of 1,598 emergency calls for service: 105 calls for fires, of which 18 involved structures; and 765 emergency medical calls, of which 506 required paramedics.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Library Services

Adult patrons of the Long Beach Public Library can now choose to receive reserve notices, and first and final overdue notices by e-mail. To participate, patrons can complete a form at their neighborhood library. For more information, go to the Library's website, www.lbpl.org.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Planning and Development Bureau

Light standards and bollard lighting has been installed at the Cesar E. Chavez Park amphitheater. Liquidambar, Jacaranda, and Tabebuia (Golden Trumpet) trees have been selected and will be planted by next week.

Finish grading and paving has begun on the downtown bike path link to the LARIO Trail along the Los Angeles River through the north end of Cesar E. Chavez Park. The paved bike path will extend from the LARIO Trail, down under the bridge and on to 6th Street.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau

More than 880 youth participated in summer fun days, teen center and day camp activities and enjoyed outings to Chuck E. Cheeses, Raging Waters, Wild Rivers, Hollywood Sports Park, Medieval Times, Knott's Berry Farm, Soak City Water Park, Lakewood's Mayfair Pool, the AMC movie theaters, and Bolsa Chica State Beach.

Community Development, Neighborhood Services

In an effort to improve the appearance of Pacific Avenue, staff organized resident volunteers and business owners in efforts to clean up tree wells and plant flowers from 20th Street to Hill Street. Over the next few weeks the work will continue north to Willow Street. The goal is to encourage business owners to pick up the trash and water the tree wells. Youth workers from the Youth Opportunity Center and community service workers from Public Works are supporting this effort.

NEIGHBORHOODS (continued)

Community Development, Neighborhood Services

On August 6, two neighborhood associations, nominated by Neighborhood Services Bureau staff, received a *Community Pride Award* from Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. The Neighborhood Advisory Group from the South Wrigley Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Area and the Hellman Historic Focus Group from the Hellman Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Area were recognized for their efforts in improving their neighborhoods.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Recreation Programs Bureau

On August 13, the 5th Annual Stearns Champions Park Neighborhood Picnic was held from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Entertainment included inflatable bouncers and obstacle courses, and a live band. Various City departments participated.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Community Enrichment Programs Bureau

On August 11, Rancho Los Cerritos held its last *Rancho Afternoons* workshop. Fifty-five children participated in *The Big Round-up*, touring the foreman's room, tooling leather, making candles, and playing games including horseshoes, hobby horse races and "pin the brand" on a full-sized cow cutout.

Parks, Recreation and Marine, Special Events and Filming Bureau

On August 10 and 11, Veterans and Cesar E. Chavez Parks in cooperation with Excelcus Music Collaborators hosted *Jazz Concerts in the Park*, with approximately 75 participants in attendance at each concert.

The 2005 Sea Festival 2nd Annual Kite Surfing Expo, with 50 participants and an estimated 500 spectators, was held at Granada Beach on August 6 and 7.

The Sand Challenge, a sand sculpture contest, with an estimated attendance of 50, was held at the Granada Beach launch ramp on August 6.

ESPN, with a cast and a crew of 120, filmed a TV production "X-Games" at Marine Stadium on August 5 and 6, with an estimated attendance of 7,000 spectators.

CBS Productions, with a cast and a crew of 75, filmed a TV production "CSI Miami" at 58th street and Broadway from August 11 through August 17, 2005.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

Long Beach Energy

The Gas Services Bureau completed a total of 3,254 service calls. This total included 1,279 Gas and Water Utility Turn Ons, and 1,011 Turn Offs. During this period, 792 Customer Service Orders were completed for services that included lighting pilots, adjusting and inspecting appliances, completing fumigation orders, and verifying read orders. A total of 172 meter maintenance and billing-related orders were completed. In addition, Gas Control/Dispatch (24/7 operation) received 452 emergency phone calls that resulted in 85 emergency orders being sent out.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE (continued)

Public Works Department, Traffic and Transportation Bureau

- Anaheim Street Transportation Improvements Project – Construction of traffic signal installations and upgrades, enhanced bus stops with associated storm drain modifications and streetscape enhancements along both sides of Anaheim Street are complete.
- Metro Blue Line Mitigation, Train Signal and Warning Sign Project – The plans for the proposed installation of the signalized crosswalk at the intersection of Long Beach Boulevard at 12th Street have been approved by the MTA and the commencement of construction of these improvements at this intersection is imminent. The MTA has also reviewed and approved the operation of the dynamic train warning signs recently installed by city forces at the signalized intersections along the Metro Blue Line route. In addition, new coordination timing has been implemented on Long Beach Blvd. to improve progression for the Blue Line trains.
- Dairy Neighborhood Traffic Circulation and Safety Enhancements Study – A final plan has been prepared for the Dairy Neighborhood portion of the study area. In addition, a community meeting was held on June 8, 2005 to present and solicit input from the community on a conceptual configuration plan of one-way streets within the “Morningside” neighborhood within the area bound by the LA River to the west, 52nd Street to the north, Long Beach Blvd. to the east and Del Amo Blvd. to the south.
- 2nd Street Transportation Enhancement Study – Based on the input collected from the community at the meeting held on April 7, 2005, the consultant has prepared and submitted for review five alternate solutions: a) Reverse angled parking on the south side of 2nd St., b) conventional head-in angled parking on the south side of 2nd St., c) striped/signed bike lanes along both sides of 2nd St., d) reverse angled parking on the south side and striped/signed bike lanes along both sides of 2nd St. and e) conventional head-in angled parking on the south side and striped/signed bike lanes on both sides of 2nd St. Staff is currently reviewing the submitted alternates and is planning the next community meeting for the presentation and discussions of the alternates.
- PCH at 2nd Street Widening Project – The consultant has completed the 90% design plans and submitted to City staff for review. In addition, the soils report, traffic analysis and environmental draft documents (Initial Site Assessment, Acoustical Analysis, Air Quality Assessment and Historical Property Survey Report) have been completed and also submitted to staff for review. Once staff has completed the review of the plans and environmental documents, they will be submitted to Caltrans in conjunction with the encroachment permit application. The preparation of property appraisals has also been initiated for the right-of-way acquisition process.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE (continued)

Public Works Department, Traffic and Transportation Bureau (continued)

- Airport Pedestrian Safety Enhancements Study – The kick-off meeting was held between Airport, Traffic & Transportation Bureau staff and the consultant on July 6, 2005. This study will evaluate several pedestrian safety-related issues around the airport loop, particularly in front of the terminal, as well as the pedestrian pathways between the terminal and the parking areas. As a result, this study will contain recommend several measures to enhance pedestrian safety. A draft report is expected to be available for review by the end of September '05. The consultant will also present their findings and recommendations to the Airport Operations and Management Committee (AMOC) following the review of the draft report by city staff.
- Loynes Drive Interim Roadway Safety Enhancements – Due to a recurring accident pattern on Loynes Drive, and in response to requests received and safety concerns expressed by the public and council office, the Traffic and Transportation Bureau has been working in coordination with the Engineering Bureau to implement various interim roadway safety enhancements which include the removal of two large “dips” in the westbound direction through the repaving of a section of the roadway, the repair of the center median island guardrail and crash cushions on the south side of the roadway, the installation of right edgelines and the posting of “ROUGH ROAD” and curve warning symbol signs with supplementary 30 mph speed advisory signs. These enhancements are intended to increase the awareness of the presence of the horizontal curve and the uneven pavement (or “dips”) caused by the displacement of the pavement and to discourage speeding along this roadway and enhance traffic safety overall. These improvements have been completed.

Public Works, Traffic Engineering

Traffic Investigations staff received and completed, respectively, the following numbers of requests for traffic investigations during the previous two months:

Month	Received	Completed
May	105	106
June	88	78

Traffic signal upgrades at the following locations were completed: Redondo Ave and Ocean Blvd., and Elm Ave. and Ocean Blvd.

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OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE (continued)

Public Works, Street Improvements

Contact: Public Works, 570-5160

La Perla Ave.	El Mirador Ave. to El Cedral St.
College Circle	Atherton frontage full circle
Keynote St.	Rutgers Ave. to Bellflower frontage
Maine Ave.	Spring St. to 31st St.
Freeland St.	California St. to Cerritos Ave.
Scott St.	Rahn Ave. to Long Beach Blvd.
Shipway Ave.	Los Santo Dr. to Point North of Los Santo Dr.
Orange Ave.	11th street to point North of 11th St.
17th St.	Long Beach Blvd. to Linden Ave.
Freeman Ave.	8th St. to 10th St.
Eucalyptus Ave.	20th St. to Hill St.

Estimated completion: October 2005

Atlantic Ave. Roosevelt to San Antonio
Estimated completion: August 2005

Orange Ave. Spring St. to 405 Freeway
Estimated Completion: September 2005

Public Works, Storm Drain Improvements, Traffic Signal Conduit

Contact: Public Works, 570-5160

Anaheim St. San Francisco Ave. to Ximeno Ave.
Estimated Completion: August 2005

Long Beach Energy, Installation of Gas Lines

Contact: Long Beach Energy, 570-2085

Temple Ave.	3rd St. to 4th St.
De Soto St.	Molino Ave. to Temple Ave.
Colorado Pl.	Colorado St. to 3rd St.

Estimated completion: September 5, 2005

2nd St. Kennebec Ave. to Orizaba Ave.
Estimated completion: September 23, 2005

Long Beach Energy, Installation of Gas Pipes

Contact: Long Beach Energy, 570-2085

Wardlow Rd.	Maine Ave. to Magnolia Ave.
Del Amo Blvd.	Long Beach Blvd. to Locust Ave.

Estimated completion: August 2005

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